

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE WADSWORTH URBAN DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR  
1931. -----



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Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report on the Sanitary condition of the District for the year 1931.

The acreage of the district is .....864.

Registrar - General's estimate of resident population (Mid. year 1931) is 2,404.

Number of inhabited houses. 736.

Number of unoccupied houses. 21.

Number of separate occupiers. 717.

Rateable Value. £11, 873.

Product of ld. rate (next) 246. 13. 2.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is entirely agricultural and this, no doubt, accounts partly for its healthiness.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live births.</u>	Total.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	24	17	7	Birth rate per 1000 of the estimated population 10.30
Illegitimate.	1	0	1	
<u>Still births.</u>	2	2	0	Rate per 1000 total (live and still birth) births 80.00
<u>Deaths.</u>	34	17	17	Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population 14.14
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth.				Nil.



### Death Rate of Infants under one year of age.

(1)	All infants per 1000 live births.	80.00
(2)	Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live birth.	83.33
(3)	Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live birth.	Nil.

Deaths from Measles. (all ages). Nil.

Deaths from Whooping cough (all ages). Nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age). Nil.

### Ages at death.

Between 1 year and 20 years.....	0
" 20 years and 30 years.....	1
" 30 " " 40 " .....	0
" 40 " " 50 " .....	1
" 50 " " 60 " .....	4
" 60 " " 70 " .....	3
" 70 " " 80 " .....	14
" 80 " " 90 " .....	9
" 90 " " 100 " .....	1

Deaths under 1 year of age.

From the above table it will be noticed that over 70% of the deaths above one year occurred over the age of 70 years, a very striking evidence of the healthiness of the District.

### SICKNESS.

The year was a very healthy one, free from all epidemic disease, even influenza occurring only sporadically.

### NURSING.

There are 2 District Nurse-Midwives who between them cover a radius of about 4 miles.

There are no arrangements for the nursing of infectious cases.





### MATERNITY AND NURSING HOMES.

There is one house registered as a Maternity Home for one patient.

### CHILD WELFARE AND CLINICS.

There is a Welfare Centre in the town, open once a week, and attended by local Medical men once a fortnight and by the Health Visitor the alternate weeks.

The numbers attending have increased considerably of late.

An Orthopaedic Centre has recently been opened in the town and is attended from Truro.

Health Visiting is done by a County Council Health Visitor, who resides in the Town.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The District was unusually free from infectious diseases during the year and no cases were notified other than Pneumonia and Tuberculosis (Pneumonia 4 cases, Tuberculosis 6 cases). There is still no provision whatever for the isolation of infectious cases, and I have in previous reports frequently called attention to the serious danger arising from this state of affairs.

It is presumed that when the new division of the county into districts becomes an accomplished fact this blot on the sanitary administration of the county will be removed and Cornwall be brought into line with other parts of the Country.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF HOUSES.

42 House inspections were carried out.

### LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSES.

There are eighteen houses belonging to the Urban District Council.

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### VACCINATION.

Only four Primary Vaccinations and one re-vaccination were performed during the year.

There has apparently been for many years past an extraordinary prejudice against vaccination in the District, which is difficult to account for.

### FOOD SUPPLIES.

Milk. Delivery in bottles is still increasing and gradually displacing the open can system.

Meat. Inspection has been systematically carried out and minor standard defects remedied where needed.

Bread. This continues to be delivered unwrapped, and it is evident that Legislation is needed to remedy this evil.

Ice - Cream. All purveyors of this are registered and subject to inspection.

WATER SUPPLY. The Hustyn Moor Scheme has been completed.

This has added 130,000 gallons of water per day to the supply available.

The West Hill Extension Scheme is in course of preparation and when completed will give additional supply to houses in this high local area.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. 6 houses, which were not on a water-borne system, have now been connected up with the supply.

### DISPOSAL OF REFUSE.

The Council has a dump outside the town.

Tipping is carried out regularly and <sup>un-</sup>authorised tipping is forbidden. Refuse is covered with soil and sweepings and sprayed with a germicidal solution.

SCHOOLS. The condition of the Water Supply to the schools is satisfactory.







## RAG FLOCKS ACTS.

There are no premises in the District on which Rag Flock is manufactured.

## HOUSING STATISTICS.

### 1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.

- |         |                                                                                                                                                              |    |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (1) (a) | Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).                                                         | 42 |
| (b)     | Number of inspections made for the purpose.                                                                                                                  | 42 |
| (2) (a) | Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.             | -  |
| (b)     | Number of inspections made for the purpose.                                                                                                                  | -  |
| (3)     | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.                                    | 1  |
| (4)     | Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 4  |

### 2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of formal notices.

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authorities or their officers.	4
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### 3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

#### A.- Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

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|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. | - |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices.   | - |
| (a) | By owners.                                                                           |   |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of owners.                                             |   |

#### B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

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|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (1) | Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. | - |
| (2) | Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.           | - |
| (a) | By owners.                                                                                          |   |
| (b) | By Local Authority in default of owners.                                                            |   |



- C.- Proceedings under sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. -
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. -
- D.- Proceedings under section 20 of the Housing Act 1930.
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. -
  - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. -
- E. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act 1925.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. -
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. -
    - (a) By Owners.
    - (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners.
  - (3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders became operative in pursuance of declarations by owners of intention to close. -
- F. Proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of the Housing Act 1925.
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made. 1
  - (2) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling-house having been rendered fit. 1
  - (3) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. -
  - (4) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition Orders. -

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. B. Smith. M.B., B.S. (Lond)*  
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